Fireman Sam (Seasons 6-10)

From seasons 6-10, the classic hit British series *Fireman Sam* experienced a massive decline in quality.

Oh Sam. What happened to you?

Why These Seasons Sucked

1. These seasons have little to nothing to do with the original seasons of the show, other than the names of the characters and the theme song.
2. The Maya CGI animation looks terrible. Barely anything is rendered; there's no complex lighting and shading. Also, the animation really falls under the "Made in China" label, as the animation was provided by a Chinese animation studio.
3. The new voices for all the characters other than Sam, Penny, Mike, Trevor, Dilys, and Station Officer Steele are painful. Some characters have the exact same voice as other characters, but the voices for Elvis, Norman, Mandy, Sarah and James sound like nails on a chalkboard. Some more examples are:
    - Steven Kynman is desperately trying to do a seven-year-old boy voice and a Welsh accent at the same time for Norman, but it comes off as a huge pile of annoyance.
    - Steven Kynman's voice for Elvis makes him sound like an idiot.
4. Many characters have been flanderized severely.
    - Elvis went from a not so bright, but friendly firefighter to a stupid, annoying man that is scared of being in a helicopter (even though he's a fireman) and feeds his dog chocolate (which can kill dogs), mistaking them for doggy treats.
5. Norman went from mischievous boy who learned his lessons at the end to a whiny, mean brat who wants to forcefully get whatever he wants without thinking of others, just like Peppa Pig.
6. The faces of the characters look very ugly and creepy, as the faces look too far away from each other and whenever it looks as though Elvis or someone is looking straight at the viewer, he always looks like he's derp-eyed.
7. The music isn't very fun to listen to, as every song has the same exact melody, but with a few notes switched around. Also, the rescue theme is very off, especially a bit at the end of the theme.
8. The humor is very unfunny, because the performances from the characters are awful, the payoff is off, it happens when the situation or the show in general is meant to be taken seriously, or they just say an awful pun ("You made me crunch my lunch1")
9. Many elements from the original seasons are non-existent in these seasons. The biggest example being Dilys Price and her shop. Her shop looks nothing like how it looked in the previous seasons. It was completely redesigned with no rhyme or reason why, and it's now a supermarket, even though a normal supermarket looks about 10x bigger than Dilys' shop.
10. Norman is now the cause of every problem in these seasons.
11. In July 2016, HiT Entertainment withdrew episode 7 of season 9, "Troubled Waters", as it featured a scene where Elvis slips over a piece of paper while holding a tray of tea. In a freeze-frame bonus, the paper is showing verses 13-26 of

chapter 69 of The Quran. In other words, a very, very good way to invite a terrorist attack. HiT later stated that they would no longer be working with Xing Xing, one of the animation companies for the show since the switch to CGI in 2008.

Redeeming Qualities

1. Some characters, like Sam, are still likable.
2. Catchy theme song.
3. Season 11 is a MASSIVE improvement over these seasons.

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